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App'n. No: 09/739,143  
Applicants: Koichi HATA, et al.  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE DATA PROCESSING  
AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT USED THEREIN  
TC/A.U.: 2178  
Examiner: Gregory J. Vaughn  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communication dated **December 8, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **17** of this paper.